

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 7:30 pm with Council President Susan Sandberg presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 15, 2008

Roll Call: Mayer, Piedmont, Rollo, Ruff, Sandberg, Satterfield, Sturbaum, Wisler
Absent: Volan,

ROLL CALL

Council President Sandberg gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of October 1, 2008 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Mike Satterfield announced the new Fire Training program, a cooperative program between the city and the Hoosier Hills Career Center, a multi county program housed within the Monroe County School Corporation.

REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Chris Sturbaum thanked Boy Scout troop 121 for attending this meeting. He talked about the importance of voting and mentioned that these young people may be more informed on election issues than older folks.

Councilmember Tim Mayer thanked Delta Sigma Theta for their attendance this evening and the reception they sponsored prior to the meeting to celebrate their collaboration with city government.

Councilmember Rollo talked about the film entitled *The Eleventh Hour* which focused on overuse and depletion of the world's natural resources. He said the film was accompanied by a presentation on 'Does US Energy Policy Matter?' He spoke of the negative and dire consequences of harming our natural resources such as the escape of methane gas as a result of melting ice caps and the tremendous amounts of trash which has accumulated in the Pacific Ocean for miles and miles to a depth of thirty feet. He added that the worst aspect to this is that the US media hadn't covered this calamity, yet the European and others do.

Councilmember Wisler reminded all about the curb-side leaf collection which will have more frequent routes through the neighborhoods which hopefully will result in a quicker and more convenient pick up of leaves.

Councilmember Piedmont-Smith announced the meeting for the Local Council of Women to consider a petition that was filed to contest a previous meeting during which there was a vote to change the bylaws of the organization to allow for a merger with Clarian Health. She said the second meeting was being called because the organization's bylaws were not followed and the petitioners objected to the lack of democratic principles.

Councilmember Ruff thanked his council colleagues for their reports, and added a thanks and welcome to those groups attending the meeting.

Councilmember Sandberg announced that this month is Domestic Violence Awareness month and pointed out the display currently housed in City hall. She also added that Bloomington High School South was presenting a production of the musical Carousel in which the student cast sensitively and aptly bring attention to domestic violence. She said this was why she supported the arts as something not frivolous but as a great way to help illuminate issues and teach us all.

Daniel Lopez, Communications Director, City of Bloomington talked about the current activities of Be Neighborly and the upcoming activities of Be Involved focusing on community involvement, and highlighted the work of the Bloomington Volunteer Network. He also said October was designated as Adopt-A-Dog month. Lopez also said that Bloomington was recently named as a Green Community of the Year by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. Finally, on behalf of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, he read a proclamation from Mayor Mark Kruzan which was accepted by Janessa Gerber, Director of Services for Options for Better Living.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

There were no reports from council committees

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Virginia Leblanc, President of Delta Sigma Theta introduced her alumnae chapter and the members attending this evening's meeting who sponsored the council reception prior to the meeting. She said their purpose in attending was to continue a collaborative effort between these professional and graduate student women and the Bloomington community. They would like to see PK-12 education as a priority in the community, and asked how their chapter could best serve Bloomington and Monroe County. She concluded by inviting all to their Evening of Jazz on November 1st from 8:00-11:00 pm in the Neal Marshall Center.

PUBLIC INPUT

Buff Brown reported on a parking space occupancy study in the downtown area conducted by BTOP which illustrated parking patterns in 2008 with a comparison to 2007.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions at this meeting.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 08-13 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Deputy Clerk Wanzer read the legislation and synopsis, noting the October 1, 2008 Regular Session Action was to Postpone until October 15, 2008 and stating that the Committee Do Pass Recommendation was 9 - 0 - 0.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

Resolution 08-13 Approving the Purchase of Cascades Trailer Park and Stone Mill Properties

It was moved and seconded that Resolution 08-13 be adopted.

Mick Renneisen, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Bloomington introduced the legislation and the desire to purchase the Cascades Trailer Park and Stone Mill properties to add to the City Park system.

Councilmember Wisler asked if anything had substantially changed in this legislation since the Committee of the Whole. Renneisen said one of the conditions of the offer was to remove the stone mill from the property, but none of the terms have changed.

Councilmember Rollo asked about whether this new part of the Cascades Park would have natural landscaping, an interpretive center or native flora. Renneisen said the area would be re-vegetated very quickly

Randy Cassady, one of the property owners recognized those people in Parks and Recreation and the Parks Commission, specifically Mick Renneisen, Les Coyne, Joe Hoffman, Mary Catherine Carmichael and John Carter for making this happen, and their dedication to the community and the city's leadership which supported this project. He commented on how fortunate the community was to have so many people willing to work together to create a great addition to the city. He said it was a long time coming, but it would be something that the entire community would be proud of.

Council comments:

Resolution 08-13 (Cont'd)

Councilmember Sturbaum thanked Randy Cassady for his comments and said this was an example of government working for the good of the community.

Councilmember Rollo thanked Randy Cassady, the Parks Commission, and Parks and Recreation for this wonderful acquisition. He reiterated that he hoped this area would be replanted soon with native vegetation. He said he was grateful that Bloomington was adding to its green space with the addition of this park, since the community loses 143 acres of green space a year, and gains only 21 acres. He said this addition was unusual because it was Brownfield space and was coming back to the city as green space. He added that the city needed to do all it could to acquire green space especially in the southeast part of the city where much of the loss had occurred.

Councilmember Wisler said this was a job well done and complimented all involved for making this work. He said he looked forward to greater access from the surrounding neighborhoods, and knew the good people from the Parks Department would be able to solve that.

Councilmember Mayer thanked Randy Cassady for his work with this project to make it happen, and said it was because of the efforts of the property owners to purchase parcels in order to sell them to the city. He added that this was a project where municipal government did not necessarily have the ability to purchase and hold parcels for a future time as the private sector does, which was why he was grateful that private citizens were willing to take on this responsibility to acquire an important asset for the community. He thanked all involved.

Councilmember Sandberg said she was so very proud of this project and said it was a tribute to everyone on the Parks Board and everyone connected to this effort. She said she loved Randy Cassady's enthusiasm for this project, and said this type of reclamation was so important to the progress of the community.

Resolution 08-13 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 08-05 be introduced and read by title and synopsis. Deputy Clerk Wanzer read the legislation and synopsis, noting the October 1, 2008 Regular Session Action was to Postpone until October 15, 2008 and stating that the Committee Do Pass Recommendation was 9 – 0 – 0.

It was moved and seconded that Appropriation Ordinance 08-05 be adopted.

Mike Trexler, City Controller said this was the appropriation for the land purchase the Council had just approved. This action appropriates \$514,500 from the land acquisition fund which receives a portion of COIT income.

Councilmember Rollo asked what was the yearly contribution to the fund. Trexler said 15% of the COIT goes into the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

Councilmember Rollo said he would support an increase to the Greenspace Fund or at least would like to discuss the possibility.

Appropriation Ordinance 08-05 received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Appropriation Ordinance 08-05 To Specially Appropriate from the Parks Land Acquisition Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Funds for the Purchase of the Cascades Trailer Park and Stone Mill Properties Adjacent to Cascades Park)

It was moved and seconded that the following legislation be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. Deputy Clerk Wanzer read the legislation by title and synopsis.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST
READING

Appropriation Ordinance 08-06 To Specially Appropriate from the Risk Management Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated (Appropriating Funds for Worker's Compensation Expenses)

Appropriation Ordinance 08-06

Ordinance 08-19 To Amend Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (*This ordinance was re-introduced this evening after having been withdrawn on October 1, 2008.*)

Ordinance 08-19

Ordinance 08-20 To Amend the Preliminary Plan for the Clarizz Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Allow an Additional 1350 Square Feet of Medical Office Space – Re: 583 S. Clarizz Blvd. (Orthopedics of Southern Indiana)

Ordinance 08-20

Ordinance 08-21 To Vacate a Public Parcel – Re: A Segment of the Fairview Street Right-of-Way Running North/South Between 515 West Patterson Drive and 1300 South Patterson Drive (Cook Pharmica, LLC, Petitioner)

Ordinance 08-21

It was moved and seconded to move the Committee Of the Whole from October 22nd to October 29th because of the Local Council of Women Meeting scheduled for October 22nd.

Motion to change the date of the
Committee of the Whole

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

There was no comment from members of the public at this meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Susan Sandberg, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council



Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington